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Increase

Jermyn council Thursday
night gave the okay to
increase cable TV rates.
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Disaster

It really wasn't a disaster, but
ambulance corps and
hospitals treated Sunday's
mock disaster as the real
thing.
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WCDL-FM says 'bye'; WLSP-FM says howdie!



Program manager Joe Martin, at podium, conducts live on-air remote broadcast from Treadway Inn Monday night as officers of Lifestyle Productions of Pennsylvania cut ribbons inaugurating WLSP-FM. From left are Katie Blackwell, Noble V. Blackwell, Richard Owens, and Lykema Owens. See story at right. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Al)

By NAN WATERS

Good bye, WCDL-FM...Howdie, WLSP-FM!
One hundred fifty friends, sponsors, media representatives and well wishers gathered at the Treadway Inn, Scranton, Carbondale Highway Monday evening for a live remote broadcast to say farewell to Melody Mountain's FM radio outlet, and welcome Lifestyle Productions' new modern country music station.

WLSP-FM, a Class A station licensed by the FCC, operates at 94.3 megahertz, with 330 watts, with a transmitter located at the station site, 127 Salem Rd., at 770 average feet above sea level.
After its christening at a 6 p.m. launching ceremony, complete with wine toasts by the assembled guests, WLSP-FM becomes the only 24-hour-a-day FM radio station in northeastern Pennsylvania to program modern country music exclusively.

Lifestyle Productions president Noble V. Blackwell, welcomed the guests and asked them to drink a toast to the "future and to

service to the community" by the newly-baptized station.
He pointed out there are some 700,000 listeners in northeastern Pennsylvania, and pledged to "widen the spectrum of service" to them. He called WLSP-FM a "modern country format for our modern lifestyle."
Station operations manager Joe Martin served as master of ceremonies, and described the station's "modern country sound, sports programs and up-to-date ABC news."

Mixed emotions

He said he had "mixed emotions, saying good bye to an old friend—WCDL-FM."
Paul Oles, "Mr. Sports," and station sales manager, told the audience that "tonight is a historic night, both in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and in Nashville, Tenn., where the Country Music Awards are being made this evening."
Oles introduced the entire staff of both stations: John Gasper, traffic manager; Pat

Calanti and Sharon Dietz, copy sales; Joysa Berry, Kevin Jennings and Bob Tomasiar; Ellen Lahey, news director; and staff announcers Jim Brando, Steve Young, George P. Schmidt, Ed Nix, Brian Nichols, Bill Buckingham and Ed Heister, chief engineer Steve Miller, Marge Zapotosky, general manager; Joe Martin, program manager, and Steve Penny from TM Productions, Dallas, Tex., which handles WLSP-FM programming.
He then presented the officers of the new company, which recently purchased the Carbondale station from Stainless Broadcasting: Katie Blackwell, treasurer; Lykema Owens, vice president; Richard Owens, secretary; and Noble V. Blackwell, president.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed, during which ribbons attached to a radio console board were snipped by the company's officers. Prayers and comments were offered by the Rev. Charles F.J. Starzer.

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City council plants flower law right in circular file Monday

Carbondale city council Monday night threw a 1935 city law right into the circular file.

That 1935 law, "File of Council No. 4, Permits," recently caused a commotion in the city after two police officers, Chief John Burke and Sgt. Albert Mazza, went to Super Saver to have the city supermarket remove plants from its store in the Ames Plaza. The city police, acting on an anonymous call, first gave the store three days to remove the plants.

A Super Saver spokesman told the Carbondale MIRROR Monday night that the limit was later extended 10 days.

On the city law books for 46 years, the law was repealed by emergency ordinance Monday night. Council approved unanimously. Council then introduced a permanent ordinance to be voted upon in the future. Prior to the vote on the ordinance repealing the flower law, Councilman Michael Tolierico, expressing his concerns for the minutes, said he was "surprised to hear Chief Burke went down himself (to Super Saver)."

The solon said he has made complaints about barking dogs, with no satisfaction from the police department.

"Yet, our chief, on the strength of one anonymous call, went down himself."
Such action by the city, he added, could discourage Super Saver from staying in the city since their lease is up next year.
Councilman Jim McVey echoed Tolierico's remarks. "I agree with you...and it's absolutely ridiculous" that the council has to take action when there are so many ordinances not enforced.

Also teaches family life, credit, money, etc.

Lakeland class teaches students about (s-e-x)

By Nan Waters

The kids at Lakeland Junior-Senior High School call it "Parenting," and they're lining up to take this interesting elective course. It's already been discussed on television, and over 240 ABC radio affiliates. It's one of very few, and probably the only high school class of its kind in the area.

Why the spate of interest in this junior-and-senior-only home ec department course?

Because it tells it like it is. About life. About love. About marriage and the pitfalls thereof...family life, money, credit. And yes, about sex. But not merely.

Mrs. Patricia Turisini, the instructor, is a demure lass in white blouse, lavender slacks and matching spike heels. She copes with classes of as many as 38 juniors and seniors, girls and boys both, who are there because "they feel the need for it."

Ideally, sex education should be taught at home, Mrs. T., as the kids call her, feels. But since it isn't, in 95 percent of her students' homes, and these kids need more education, she teaches her three sections "how to make their own decisions about these things within the framework of values."

Values stressed

I stress values over and over again," she smiles.

And isn't/as some parents might feel, this condoning sexual activity among teenagers, the MIRROR asked Mrs. T.?

"Not at all. Studies have shown that the more sexually educated teenagers are, the less sexually active they are."

What about the complaint that the parenting course teaches birth control? "Out of 180 days in the school year, we discuss birth control only two days," she replies.

Has she ever had any major complaints in the five years she's been teaching this particular course?

"Only once, from a Roman Catholic priest who called to say, 'Our church does not believe in birth control.' I told him I'm a Catholic, too, and we present both sides." Most parents, she says, have given her very

positive responses to their children's participation in her classes.

"Why, your class is the main topic of conversation at our supper table," one mother told Mrs. T.

According to her students, the attractive young instructor keeps a very low profile, and never "flashes her cool" if the wrong terminology crops up in class.

No street language

"We use no street language here, only the proper names for things."

Only once did a male student use some "bad words" on a test paper. After he was disciplined by the school administration, he apologized to the teacher, and pleaded with her to let him return to class.

"Everybody in my classes is treated equally. There's some joking around, of course, but none of the kids who cause problems in other classes act like angels here in my class."

The class itself is called Contemporary Family Life Education, in its first half, and Perspectives in Parenting in the second. Although the first part does deal with values, self concepts, and aspects of sexuality, part two teaches the kids "this is what it would be like to be married," dealing with apartment, jobs, credit, and rearing a family.

Guest experts from all fields of daily living are invited to address the classes.

And this is the course of study that produced Lakeland's "mock weddings," which up until last year took place on an annual basis in the school auditorium. Pairs of students were assigned to make all wedding arrangements, including costs of wedding attire, invitations, flowers, catering and honeymoon.

Students were selected to serve as "brides" and "groomsmen" and their attendants.

Parents and friends attended the "ceremony," complete with music and flowers, and were treated to refreshments later at a "reception." Although the event was dispersed with last year, Mrs. T. is hoping for another such "mock wedding" in early

spring of 1982.

Am I marriage material? is the big question part two of the course asks.

The kids have some very romantic ideas of what matrimony involves, Mrs. T. says. In some respects, her students show very mature attitudes, and in others, very little knowledge of basic.

Last Friday morning the MIRROR visited home ec room 150, with its lemon and green tile walls and chaise longue carpeting.

During the class discussion, which is open and spontaneous, students were asked to agree, disagree strongly, or give an "I don't care" opinion on various aspects of sexuality.

The class agreed that natural childbirth is better than birth where anesthesia is used.

Mrs. T., who voices her opinions during the dialogue, and who has no children of her own, remarks casually, "I couldn't tell you."

The class didn't care, and disagreed with the statement that "a large number of women associated with women's liberation are probably lesbians."

One hundred percent of the class strongly disagreed with the statement that "avoiding pregnancy is primarily the woman's responsibility."

And so it went.

Mrs. T., who has her B.A. in home ec education from Penn State, and her M.S. in correlated nutrition from the University of Scranton, has participated in many in-service human sexuality workshops. In fact, most of her course work in college dealt with family studies.

No prepared text is used in the course, with the instructor preferring to refer to outside readings.

Leave reluctantly

As the bell rang ending the class, the student left room 150 almost reluctantly.

Only does Mrs. T. treat them like adults, but she respects their attitudes and opinions on some very adult topics.

What's more, she makes learning fun, while instilling in them important values.



"INJURED" PERSON is removed from ambulance at St. Joseph's Hospital, Carbondale, during mock accident Sunday. St. Joseph's and Carbondale General Hospital joined with other hospitals throughout the county in treating the "injured." See story in this week's issue. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Al)

Jermyn's zoning board slates meeting to discuss appeal

A meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Jermyn Borough has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 21 in the Jermyn Community Center, Jefferson Avenue, according to a borough spokesman.

The board is expected to discuss an appeal brought by Attorney Albert E. Nicholls, Jr., and his wife, Catherine, 433 Washington Ave., Jermyn, with reference to a permit for special use issued to Allied Services for the

Handicapped, Inc., 475 Morgan Highway, Scranton. Allied is reportedly using the former Jermyn Community House, 418 Washington Ave., which it purchased last spring for a residence for ten of its patients.

The Zoning Board is composed of Richard J. Marzan, chairman; Frank Grum and Robert E. Jones. The latter was appointed last month after Attorney Nicholls threatened Jermyn Council with a mandamus action, which would force them

to appoint a third member to the board. The post had been vacant since Nicholls himself resigned from the board. After Allied Services occupied the structure late in the spring of 1981.

The building at issue was purchased at nominal cost by the borough of Jermyn from the Winter estate in 1942, for use as a community house. Meeting rooms, police headquarters and a basement lock-up were included in the structure.